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SUBJ: LOCAL SOVIET PRESS PLACEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. LOCAL DAILY PEOPLE'S EVENING NEWS (PEN) RAN LEAD ARTICLE 17 MARCH 77 ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS: A SOVIET VIEW" BY "A CORRESPONDENT". ARTICLE WAS EVIDENTLY PLACE BY SOVIETS WHO ARE KNOWN TO REGULARLY PLACE PROPAGANDA IN PEN. IN FACT, THE UNNAMED AUTHOR REFERS TO USSR IN ARTICLE AS "MY" COUNTRY.

2. GIST OF ARTICLE IS THAT PERSONAL FREEDOMS ARE PROCLAIMED AND GUARENTEED IN SOVIET SOCIETY AS ARE RIGHTS TO WORK, MAINTENANCE IN OLD AGE AND OTHER SOCIAL BENEFITS. HOWEVER, SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS DIFFERS FROM US AND FRENCH POINTS OF VIEW, ARTICLE CONTENTS, BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN SOCIAL SYSTEMS. DISSIDENTS IN USSR, A SMALL NUMBER REPRESENTING "NOBODY" ARE NOT BEING PERSECUTED FOR THIER CON-VICTIONS ALTHOUGH THE USSR MUST HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR CRIMINAL ACTS OF PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION TO UNDERMINE THE SOCIAL SYSTEM. UN CODE
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ON HUMAN RIGHTS UPHOLDS THE RIGHT OF THE STATE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND WHAT IS MORE, LAW-MAKING IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR EACH SOVEREIGN STATE.

3. THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE COVERAGE OF SOVIET DISSIDENCE IN LOCAL PRESS, WHICH IS GENERALLY WELL-

DISPOSED TOWARDS SOVIETS IN FIRST PLACE BUT ABOVE
ARTICLE IS SECOND OR THIRD ITEM APPEARING
IN PEN IN RECENT WEEKS IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE
THEMSELVES RAISED THE ISSUE. PREVIOUS PEN ARTICLES
WERE ALSO LEAD ARTICLES BY "CORRESPONDENTS". THIS
LINE IS PROBABLY NOT PARTICULARLY CREDIBLE TO
GHANAIAAN AUDIENCES.
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